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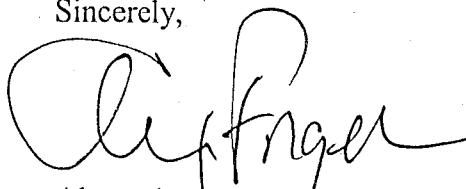
January 19, 2006

Senator John Edwards
The Center for Promise and Opportunity
1001 G Street NW
Suite 400 West-A
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Senator Edwards:

I am pleased to enclose on behalf of Rachel L. Mellon (Mrs. Paul Mellon) a check of Oak Spring Farms, LLC in the amount of \$500,000, payable to The Center for Promise and Opportunity Foundation, Inc. As you know, Mrs. Mellon is totally supportive of the Center's objective of seeking ways to end poverty and expand opportunity for all Americans and is much appreciative of your willingness to personally take on this challenging issue.

Sincerely,


Alexander D. Forger

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OUR REF. NO.	YOUR INVOICE NO.	INVOICE DATE	INVOICE AMOUNT	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNT TAKEN	NET CHECK AMOUNT
030891	01/17/2006	1/17/2006	500,000.00	500,000.00	0.00	500,000.00

OAK SPRING FARMS, LLC
C/O THE ESSEX HOUSE
160 CENTRAL PARK SOUTH, SUITE 2801
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CHECK DATE	CONTROL NUMBER	AMOUNT
1/18/2006	064024	\$500,000.00

PAY Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100----- US Dollars

TO THE
ORDER
OF THE CENTER FOR PROMISE AND
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1001 G ST. NW -SUITE400 WEST-A
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United States

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